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## PADWAY CLARIFIES STRIKE POLICY IN GOVERNMENT UNIONS

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San Francisco, Calif. An amendment to recent appropriation bills passed by Congress provides that all Government employees would have to sign an affidavit before they could be paid, declaring that they did not belong to and would not join an organization which asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States.

Pursuant to this amendment, various administrative agencies of the Government requested all of their employees to sign affidavits which declared, among other things, that they were not on strike against the United States government, that they were not members of an organization of government employees asserting the right to strike against the government, and that during such time as they remained in the employ of the government that they would not become a member of an organization of government employees that asserted the right to strike against the government.

UNION RESENTMENT  
As many of the government employees are members of AFL craft unions which regard the right to strike as a fundamental privilege, the form of this affidavit aroused considerable confusion and steps had to be taken in order to clarify the situation. The situation was particularly acute in the Veterans' Administration, which hired many craftsmen on a daily basis through the U. S. Employment Service. In response to many protests, the Veterans' Administration, by teletype dated July 24, 1946, informed all of its deputy administrators that this affidavit could be reduced to a simple statement that: "I do hereby swear or affirm that I have not during the period of my present employment engaged in any strike against the government of the United States and that I am not a member of an organization of government employees that asserts the right to strike against the government of the United States."

## Production of Bldg. Material Up, But Backlog Remains Headache

Washington, D. C. Production increases in building materials are steadily mounting, but there is no immediate prospect of supply catching up with the demand, Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt announced in reporting July progress of the veterans emergency housing program.

"Our housing goals call for an ever-increasing rate of construction," he said, "and that in turn requires an ever-increasing rate of materials production just to keep pace with the program."

Wyatt reported a June brick production jump of 11 per cent and an additional 17 per cent in July. The estimate of a year ago was more than doubled by the July, 1946, output of 457 million bricks. Lumber production increased for the fifth consecutive month in May, passing 3 billion board feet for the first time in two years. Civilian Production Administration has revised upward its official estimate of total 1946 production from 30 billion board feet to 32 billion, not including a billion to be imported.

Other materials hitting post-war high marks in June are clay sewer pipe, structural insulation board, cedar shingles and asphalt roofing. June production drops were registered, Wyatt reported, largely in items made from iron and steel.

Nail production, while increasing in June, fell short of the month's goal by 1500 tons. An OPA increase of \$10 a ton in June, preceded by two boosts of \$7 each, brought the price level of nails to 47 per cent above the 1941 base price. Recently CPA added nails to the list of critical materials for which builders may obtain priorities assistance in buying.

Rival Unions Team  
In Joint Picket Line  
Against Toy Dealers  
New York City. Joint AFL-CIO strike action was scheduled here when members of Local 65, Wholesale & Warehouse Workers Union and Local 807, Intl. Bro. of Teamsters announced coordinated plans to picket Schranz & Bieber, toy wholesalers.

The unions prepared the joint action when the company revealed its intention to move its New York warehouse to Jersey City and to discharge the warehousemen and teamsters, although many of them have been with the firm more than 20 years.

## Green Replies to Appeal of China Labor Lambasting Chiang Tyrannies

Chicago, Illinois

The AFL executive council meeting here received an urgent appeal from Pres. Chu Hsueh-fan of the Chinese Assn. of Labor for help against the Chungking government's attacks on free labor unionism.

Chu charged that agents of Chiang Kai-shek's government and police seized the Chungking CAL offices, a workers' hospital and two welfare centers built for Chinese workers from a fund of more than \$250,000 contributed by the AFL and CIO. Twenty CAL leaders were arrested and six are still held by the government without charges.

The arrests and seizures, duplicated at Hankow and in Kwangsi province, were part of a "nation-wide attack on liberal leaders and democracy," Chu said. Long regarded as a supporter of Chiang Kai-shek, the Chinese labor leader said bitterly:

"These seizures were made by the very people who have given a solemn promise to initiate China into an era of democracy and reform. Free trade unionism is the object of attack everywhere. Liberal meetings are broken up and liberal leaders go in fear of their lives. Those who voice opposition to the government do so at grave risk."

AFL Pres. William Green said he had been instructed by the council to transmit a copy of Chu's cablegram to the State Dept. with a request that it "take action to correct this situation and permit free trade unionism to function in China."

Jewish Students Turn  
Down Scholar Medals  
From Revolutionists  
New York City.

Nettie Goldberg and Florence Kaufman, two Jewish high school students who refused to accept scholastic medals from the Daughters of the American Revolution because of its racist policies, welcomed the letter of congratulations sent them by A. Phillip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and vice-chairman of the Workers Defense League.

"It has gladdened my heart considerably to have received your letter and the many others similar to it," Nettie Goldberg wrote the Negro union chief. "I sincerely wish that the small contribution of my good friend Florence Kaufman and myself, to the struggle for equality will serve as an incentive to others for similar action in the future."

the sole solution seems to be a Daves or Young plan, whereby the loser gladly pays reparations to any one who will advance him the dough.—H. V. Wade in DETROIT NEWS.

Govt. Dictation in  
Labor Affairs Hit  
Rochester, N.Y.—Government interference and dictation in labor affairs was sharply condemned by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in an address before the New York State Federation of Labor.

"It is my deep conviction," he declared, "that where the Government insists upon arbitrarily injecting itself into labor disputes, the inevitable result is to weaken or destroy the process of free collective bargaining."

"It is fruitless to set up machinery for mediation and collective bargaining if, in the end, every major dispute is going to have to be carried to a Government bureaucracy—and I may add, to any Government officer, no matter how high his office."

When the Federal Government has stepped into major labor disputes, he added, both labor and management have learned that "the result may go either way, depending on which way the political winds are blowing."

Gov. Dewey thanked the Federation, which represents 1,300,000 members in New York State, for helping him in the solution of many problems.

"You have helped me learn much," he said. "So far as the conditions within our State are concerned, we can face the future with confidence and hope. Together we have built well and soundly for the years to come."

## SALINAS LABOR PLANS UNITED ACTION AGAINST MODERN LINEN SUPPLY

Following refusal of Mr. Moss, proprietor of the Modern Linen Supply, 37 Spring St., Salinas, to sign a union contract and then adding the refusal to accept a registered letter from the union, organized labor last Friday night laid plans to place the firm on the "We Don't Patronize" list.

John W. Deer, business representative of Laundry Workers Union 258 of Salinas, said the union had sought for two months to unionize the Modern Linen Supply plant, but had been rebuffed constantly. This is the only major laundry in Salinas without a union contract.

Deer said that the management of the laundry refused to accept a registered letter from the union, a letter which invited the firm to negotiate a contract.

Efforts of Lawrence Palacios, international representative of the Laundry Workers International Union, to organize the plant met the same result. Palacios was in Salinas last weekend for another effort, but without avail.

Deer had a communication before the Salinas Labor Council last Friday night, asking that the firm be placed on the "We Don't Patronize" list of organized labor.

If usual procedure of council is followed, the management will be requested to attend a meeting this week to explain its stand, and if it ignores this request, the firm will be declared unfair to labor and all unions and union members will be notified of the council action.

## Hot Redwood Is Stopped At Monterey

Efforts of union officials last week halted use of a truck load of redwood lumber brought in from the strike-bound area of Northern California.

The lumber reportedly was in storage at Union Lumber & Supply Co. of Monterey and officials said the company would make no effort to use the unfair material.

According to F. O. Easton, business agent for the Monterey County Building Trades Council, a union teamster had driven far off the main road to bring back the load of scab lumber. Teamsters Union officials were checking this report.

## McGinley Due Back This Week

J. B. McGinley, business agent for the Salinas area for the Monterey County Building Trades Council and also business agent of Laborers Union 272, was due back at his work this week following a vacation.

Bro. McGinley spent a week at Tassajara Hot Springs and part of the second week at Los Angeles, it was reported.

## Deer Attends Permanente Rate Meeting

Among more than 20 officials attending a meeting at San Jose last week on the contract governing pay rates for Permanente Metals Corporation plants was John W. Deer, president of the Central Labor Council at Salinas.

Deer attended the meeting to represent J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers 272 of Salinas, who was on vacation. Laborers at two Permanente plants near Salinas, one at Moss Landing and the other at Natavidad, are covered by the contract under study.

## Palacios Visits Salinas Laundries

Lawrence Palacios, international representative of the Laundry Workers International Union, was in Salinas last Friday to visit laundries with which Laundry Workers Local 258 has contracts, and to contact union officials and members.

A new plant, the Domestic Laundry, was due to open this week and has been contacted relative to signing a union contract, it was reported by J. W. Deer, business agent of Local 258.

## Fremont Ave. Widening Job Progressing

Workmen are making good progress on the widening of Fremont Ave. between Del Monte Junction of the Salinas road and Seaside Junction of the Castroville road. The three-mile project will be completed with concrete pavement, improving the cut-off between Monterey and Fort Ord, and N. M. Ball Sons of Los Angeles is contractor, at \$470,026.50.

## Now Pat's Name Is Alexander

Pat, comely office secretary of the Teamsters Union 287 office at Monterey, celebrated last week as she won a change in her name!

Formerly Pat Wilson, she now is Pat Alexander, having won a divorce from her husband last week at Salinas.

which will make a detailed report on the pension fund set up at the last convention.

Election of international officers is scheduled for Wednesday or Thursday.

Guest speakers at the convention during the week include: Earl Warren, Governor of California; Roger Lapham, Mayor of San Francisco; Secretary of War Patterson; Robert Watt, AFL international representative, who will speak for AFL President William Green.

Just because you see the tracks is no good sign that the train has just passed.

## Special AFL Broadcast On McGuire Labor Day

"The Life of Peter McGuire" is the subject of a special Labor Day radio program to be broadcast by the AFL Union Label Trades Department over the Mutual Broadcasting System Monday (Labor Day), September 2. Hour: 9 to 9:15 Pacific Time, on any local Mutual outlet.

The broadcast, which originates at Station WOR, New York, is the interesting story of Peter McGuire, the founder of Labor Day. Labor Day picnics and other holiday events are asked to tune in for a touch of Labor Day "color" and inspiration. I. M. O'Brien, Secretary-Treasurer of the Union Label Trades Dept., will speak.

## Painters Meeting

Meeting concurrently with the IBEW convention in San Francisco next week, the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America will open their 17th annual convention at Polk Hall, Civic Auditorium, Sunday, September 1. Some 1200 delegates are expected from various locals on the continent.

The last convention was held in 1941 at Columbus, Ohio. In addition to much important convention business that has accumulated during the war years, the Painters will hold election of international officials. The gathering is expected to last through September 10.

Guest speakers will include Governor Earl Warren, Mayor Roger Lapham, Neil Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, International AFL Representative Robert Watt and others.

L. P. Lindelof and Lawrence T. Rafferty are respectively international president and secretary of the organization. Pacific coast union representatives and officials active in arrangements for the S.F. convention include: Jos. F. Clark of Tacoma, general vice-president; Thomas C. Meagher of San Francisco, Ray L. Gelston of Long Beach, Albert King of Oakland and E. E. Johnston of Los Angeles, district organizers.

## PHILADELPHIA BAKER UNION CLOSES FIRMS

Philadelphia, Pa. Three million Philadelphians were hit in the breadbasket when eight major bakeries rejected wage demands of Local 6, Bakery & Confectionery Workers International Union (AFL) and compelled the 1880 members to strike.

The stoppage halted production of one million loaves of bread a day, reducing the bread output to some 500,000 loaves baked by small neighborhood bakeries. As a result stores rationed bread half a loaf to a customer.

Sole strike issue was the union's rock-bottom demand of a 20-cent hourly wage increase. It had earlier dropped attempts to obtain a 5-day week and reduced its original demands for a 30-cent raise.

The companies unanimously rejected the proposals, making a counter-offer of 16 cents. Present wages are 84 cents for men, 56 cents for women.

Sixteen hundred bakery drivers and salesmen, members of Local 463, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL), respected the picketlines.

The truest test of civilization is not the census, nor the size of cities, nor the crops; no, but the kind of man the country turns out.—Emerson.

## Thousands Parade Monday in Frisco

Pretty girls, beautiful floats, long lines of marching men and women, plenty of music, novel attractions and a deeply impressive spirit of sincerity, unity and loyalty—that's the good Labor Day parade, and that's what you'll see on Market Street, San Francisco, next Monday morning, the only Labor Day parade in Northern California.

It will be a great show. Every union member in the Bay Area and from out of town is urged to participate with their respective type of union organization. There will be thousands of Carpenters, Electricians, Painters, Teamsters, etc., each in their own huge group. Join this truly American parade of loyal American people. Veterans, wear your uniforms!

Assembly area: Building Trades on Embarcadero, south of Market; Culinary Unions on Steuart, south of Market; Teamsters on Spear, south of Market; Metal Trades on Main, south of Market; miscellaneous unions on Beale, south of Market. Starting time: 10 o'clock sharp. Line of march: Up Market to Civic Center.

## Gets His Loaf



Smiling Edward McAnagran managed to get his bread but thousands of Philadelphians weren't fortunate as the city's eight major bakeries rejected wage demands of Local 6, Bakery & Confectionery Workers Intl. Union (AFL) and forced the union to continue its strike. (Federated Pictures)

## Clip and Keep UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

### Series III

(9)  
Q.—After I filed my claim I received a Notice of Award of Unemployment Insurance by mail. What should I do with this notice?  
A.—Examine your notice and discuss any error or omission of wages earned with the Claims Examiner within seven days after you receive the notice.

(10)  
Q.—Must I report any earnings when I apply for my benefit check?  
A.—Yes. Whenever a claimant has earnings, resulting from any type of work, those earnings must be reported at the time he signs the certification statement regarding his seven days of unemployment.

(11)  
Q.—Will all reported earnings be deducted from my check?  
A.—No. From the reported earnings a credit of \$3 is deducted from the even dollars (disregard cents) before deducting the amount of earnings from the weekly benefit amount. The total earnings must be less than the weekly benefit to have a claim.

(12)  
Q.—I am 67 years old and because of my age I can't continue my regular line of work. Will I be disqualified from receiving benefits?  
A.—Regardless of age, a claimant may be deemed able to work if he is physically capable of working, either in his customary occupation or in occupations reasonably consistent with his training and prior experience.

## Chinese Labor Leader Protests Chiang Rule

SHANGHAI, China.—Chu Hsueh-fan, president of the Chinese Association of Labor, has appealed for worldwide labor support against the Chinese government's "attack on democracy." Hsueh-fan charged the Kuomintang-Chiang Kai-shek government with raiding union offices and conducting a reign of terror, adding that the government seized the CAL offices, hospital and welfare centers built with a fund of \$250,000 sent by American labor unions.

## AFTER NURSES

NEW YORK CITY.—A national drive to organize registered graduate nurses in the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union (AFL) has been launched here.

Seven hundred nurses and others, heard national leaders of the organization declare that only through such a union could harsh working conditions be remedied.

## No Leveling-Off, But Plenty of Leveling-Up

Washington, D.C. OPA announced that mark-up provisions of the new price control act made necessary the following retail price boosts:  
Gas kitchen stoves, 5%; electric kitchen stoves 9%; washing machines, 7%; vacuum cleaners, 7%; toasters and irons, 4%, and radios and electric phonographs, 3%.

## Shelley Asks Continuation Of FR Ideal

By MIRIAM ALLEN deFORD  
San Francisco, Calif.

The Roosevelt policies which made the Democratic party the voice of the people must be kept alive by organized labor, State Sen. John F. Shelley said in an interview here.

An FDR standard-bearer from way back, Shelley is right in the middle of a no-holds-barred campaign for the lieutenant-governorship as the unanimously endorsed candidate of California labor.

President of the San Francisco Central Labor Council (AFL) for the last 10 years, Shelley is also heartily backed by other labor groups. The labor unity created around his candidacy is particularly gratifying to the AFL leader.

ASKS MORE UNITY  
"We must not let ourselves be divided as reactionary forces want us to become," he said earnestly. "There's always a certain amount of postwar letdown and reactionaries foster it for their own ends. Labor must be a leading factor in insisting that a liberal program be established and continued."

Shelley opposed formation of a third party because "it would only weaken us and throw victory to the reactionaries."

"Ultimately," he said, "and I think I'll live to see it—there must be a realignment with liberal Democrats and Republicans in one party, reactionary Democrats and Republicans in another. But that will never come about by a third party movement."

### BACKS FDR IDEALS

Only way labor can accomplish this, Shelley believes, is "by its continued effort to keep the Democratic party in line with the FDR program and by encouraging democratic elements within the Republican party. We must make the Democrats realize that we are for them only while they are for the New Deal."

Shelley said it would take real work and plenty of financial and other support to move him from the State Senate to the Capitol. Most of his money is coming from organized labor, which can't match the huge sums being put up by the GOP for their candidate, Clifford Knight. Typical of Knight's reactionary thinking is his statement that unemployment insurance should be abolished because it only encourages workers to be lazy.

## Big Gains for Florida Since Drive Started

Miami, Florida. The Florida Federation of Labor has gained 7000 new members and organized 15 new local unions in its organizing drive since July, AFL State Rep. J. Lew Rhodes declared here.

Rhodes and the AFL and its affiliates will spend \$1 million on organization work within the state in the next 12 months.

Type Ad Boycott  
MIAMI BEACH.—A proposal for hitting street newspapers in their advertising breadbasket was set before the International Typographical Union convention here by the Chicago local. Aim is to force withdrawal of national advertising from the Trenton, N. J., papers which have been struck for better part of a year. Ads set in shops in other cities would be declared "hot."

The Peach of Pennsy  
Eleanor Kramer won the Miss Pennsylvania title last week and now she looks ahead to the annual Atlantic City beauty contest. What do you think of her chances? (Federated Pictures)



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## The Labor Editor Speaks

### CODDLING THE ASSASSIN

When the Polish delegate to the UN proposed that member nations break off relations with Franco Spain, the pussyfooters began. The pussyfooters declared that Franco was not a menace to world peace. What they chose to ignore is that Franco was put into power through direct military aid of Hitler and Mussolini who helped him to crush the legally-elected democratic people's government of Spain. If that is not enough, consider the following statements by Franco:

"I stand ready at your side, entirely and decidedly at your disposal, united in a common historical destiny."—Letter to Hitler, Feb. 26, 1941.  
"The German, Italian and Spanish revolutions are phases of the same general movement of rebellion."—Speech to Spanish Falange, Oct. 7, 1942.

"Spain will have the structure of totalitarian regimes such as Italy and Germany. It will break with the liberal institutions which have poisoned the people. The patterns of Italy and Germany will, of course, be our inspiration."—Statement to United Press, July, 1937.  
"The Axis is now a triangle comprising Germany, Italy and Spain."—Speech, July 17, 1941.

Add to all this the fact that Franco mobilized the "Blue Division" of Falange Spaniards that joined Hitler's legions to attack Russia, one of our Allies, on the Eastern front, and you have the answer as to what kind of bird this Franco is and the kind of government he heads. We sold the Spanish people down the river in 1936 when we refused to aid them in their fight against the Fascists. We can restore a people's government to Spain now by breaking relations with this Axis-lover and help atone for our shameful sell-out of democracy a decade ago.

Or is pussyfooting still the order of the day?

### BIGGER THAN UNCLE

Recently in this column we made sport of the futile efforts of the Department of Justice to slay the dragon of monopoly. Perhaps we were not quite fair to the D. of J.. In the first place, Congress has never voted the Department adequate funds to conduct investigations, and prosecutions. In the second place, the penalties provided by the anti-trust law for combination in restraint of trade are ridiculously lenient.

We have Attorney-General Tom Clark's own word for it that Big Biz considers itself bigger than the government and goes blithely (and brazenly) on collecting more and more of the nation's finances and productive plants in its hip pocket. Clark told a Senate subcommittee on appropriations last May 31:

"... the payment of fines in a criminal suit is considered by many corporations as part of the fixed expense of doing business. In other words, they consider the fine a license fee to continue the illegal practices—the public, as usual, footing the bill."

Of, by and for the people?

### THOSE POOR, GROUND-DOWN TYCOONS

E. Hofer & Sons who, from their Portland office, flood the country with Tory propaganda, denounce "statism" and "government interference with industry." They go on: "... we must keep private enterprise alive and to keep it alive we must allow it adequate earnings on the people's savings it represents." No doubt that \$60 billion the big private enterprisers gouged out of the nation's war effort is just chicken feed!

### 'ECONOMIC DETERMINISM'

One of our daily papers says that if you're in front of the counter you're in favor of price control, and that if you're behind it you're against it. That's a quirk on human nature we in the labor movement discovered long ago. Who does not know of several hombres who were red-hot for unions while they were working for wages, but just as red-hot against them when they went into business for themselves?

### THEY LEFT THE BRAKE ON

Congress has decided to "streamline" itself, but it forgot (or ignored) the most important reform of all—the abolition of the required two-thirds vote for "cloture" (stopping debate). So long as the present two-thirds rule plays into the hands of the reactionary filibusterers, there cannot be any real representative government in Washington—all our hypocritical pretense to the contrary notwithstanding.

### THE AMERICAN SCHIZOPHRENIC

All over the country established taxicab companies have been engaged in a bitter fight to prevent city councils issuing operating permits to returned veterans. You see, there are a lot of business people who talk about the beauties of "free enterprise" one minute and then try to kill it the next!

### INEXHAUSTIBLE SUPPLY

Trade journal reports declare that there is a critical shortage of lead. Solution: Just catch all those Congressmen and Senators who delay and stymie the people's legislative program. There's enough lead in their pants to glut the market!

## GIGGLES AND GROANS

### DESPERATE ALTERNATIVE

A Chicago woman, wife of a notorious procurer and panderer, was being questioned by the court prosecutor.

"And you knew this man was a white-slave procurer when you married him?" the prosecutor thundered accusingly.

"Oh, yes," said the woman, calmly. "I knew."

"Then why did you marry him?" the prosecutor yelled at her.

"Sir," replied the woman, quite unperturbed, "it was time I should get married, and the only other offer I had was from one of Hearst's editorial writers."

### DOUBLE PURPOSE

CHORUS GIRL: "Why are you giving me this beautiful sable coat?"

THEATRE-OWNER: "Well, you see, dearie, I'm giving you this fur coat to keep you cozy—and quiet."

### EXTRA INCENTIVE

SALES GIRL: "Would you like something? Everything is special today. The floor manager told us to take off half."

GENTLEMAN CUSTOMER: "How much do you take off for cash, girlie?"

### SPECIAL ATTRACTION

PATRON: "I hear you have a new floor show at your night club."

NIGHT-CLUB OPERATOR: "And how! You should see my new floor show—50 women and 49 costumes!"

### JUST SMALL FRY

Two GI youngsters were sitting on a curb. One turned to the other and said:

"I'm five, how old are you?"

"I don't know. I guess I'm five, too."

"Do you dream about women?"

"Nope."

"Then you're only four."

### JUST MODERATE-LIKE

Then there was the youthful mountaineer who had just been hailed into court and sentenced for breach of the peace. Testimony showed that he had done some feuding, featured by his adept handling of a knife.

After the trial, his grizzled old pappy stood with a group of other hillbillies on the courthouse lawn. "Ah swear," he drawled, "Ah dunno whar that boy gits all 'is meanness. Now, you take me—Ah never stuck a knife DEEP in nobody!"

### UNUSUAL TRAINING

GOITTE: "I sure admire Maud's tremendous ability as a swimmer."

MOITTE: "How's that?"

GOITTE: "Why, she used to be a streetwalker in Venice."

### MULTIPLE MISSIVE

MIKE: "Did you hear what the pig said to her sister?"

MIKE: "No, what?"

MIKE: "She said—'Oh, goody, goody, I just got a letter from my boar friend!'"

## Wage Structure Will 'Go Boom' If Prices Keep Rising, Warning

Washington, D. C.

The entire wage stabilization program will have to be reconsidered if the Price Decontrol board allows essential food items now under consideration to be exempted from control. Chmn. W. Willard Wirtz and Vice Chmn. Phillips L. German of the Natl. Wage Stabilization board said.

Their opinion of the effect on the wage picture if meats, milk and grains are not controlled was sent in a letter to the Price Decontrol board in response to that body's request. A decision on these items is required by.

"Unless the prices of essential foods are recontrolled and are rolled back to the fullest extent consistent with the act of Congress," the letter said, "the wage problems simply cannot thereafter be satisfactorily met."

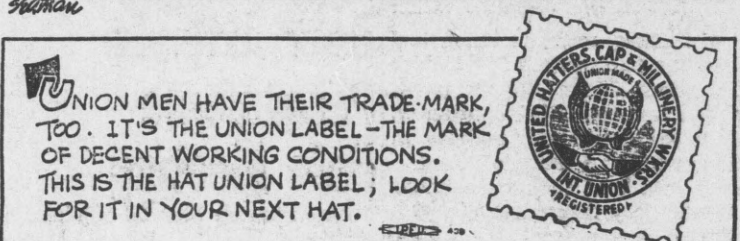
Although wage rates have increased, it said, "gross weekly earnings of all employees in manufacturing industries have decreased during the past 16 months by approximately 8 per cent."

The present wage approval standards are based on a cost of living increase between January 1941 and September 1945 of 33 per cent, the statement continued. "As of Aug. 15, 1946, the figure will stand at over 40 per cent. Here is the obvious issue of whether cost of living wage increases can be held to 33 per cent if the cost of living increase itself is over 40 per cent."

## FARM BUILDING

WASHINGTON.—Private builders completed about 153,000 new non-farm-dwelling units in the first six months of this year, according to a preliminary estimate by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor. There was a steady rise in the completion rate from 19,000 in January to 35,000 in June.

## THE MARCH OF LABOR



EARTH COULD BE FAIR, by Pierre van Paassen. Published by Dial Company, New York, August selection of Book Find Club.

Toward the end of World War II many Americans began to find themselves responding with diminishing keenness to news of the horrors that were being perpetrated all around them. It was not that they had grown war-weary. It was, on the contrary, a helplessness before the enormity of the situation, an inability to comprehend the magnitude of the tragedy that had surged over the face of the world.

Pierre van Paassen must have sensed something of our dulled and inactive state when he decided to write EARTH COULD BE FAIR. It is as if he had said to us all, "Here, if you cannot conceive of Barcelona, Rotterdam, Warsaw, London, Stalingrad, let us take a look at Gorum—seeing what happened in Gorum, you may be able to look again at what happened in the world."

EARTH COULD BE FAIR is the story of this little Dutch town. It begins on the evening of All Souls in 1907—an evening when Gorum "seen from the high old ramparts" seemed to hang in the air like a dream; pure, timeless, and still. It ends with the bitter Battle of the Warsaw Ghetto, which "must be reckoned with whatsoever is most savage and most hideous in the annals of warfare."

And between the beginning and the end is the whole struggle, told in terms of people and rooms and streets so that we may hear and see. Here act one scene in the tragedy of Holland. Here are the men of good will who raised their voices too late and almost in vain. Horrors that were inconceivable to us in their enormity, become immediate in EARTH COULD BE FAIR. Out of the quiet Dutch rooms, the author leads us into those back streets where the yeast of revolutionary thought has begun to work to the surface; into the new factories; into offices and drawing rooms where men lament that Holland is not blessed with a strong arm like Hitler, into the sewers, into the concentration camps, the gas chambers; and into the courts of the world, where it begins all over again.

It is a story of people, single souls caught in the web of international tragedy. And no novel, no melodrama could draw one more swiftly from its beginning to its end. It is a big book, yet the reader laying it aside feels that he has scarcely been with it for more than a breathing space.

For in EARTH COULD BE FAIR, Pierre van Paassen is poet, preacher, novelist and social reformer.

Everybody Gets Lift Out of Coffee Except American Consumers

Washington, D. C. America's hundred million coffee drinkers can learn this lesson in how the mark-up guarantee in the new price control act operates without doing any homework.

Green coffee on the dock in New York goes up 8.32¢ a pound because of ending of the import subsidy an authorized importer's boost and an inducement to import raise. Then the processors of roasted coffee get an increase of 10.25¢, and retailers get a boost of between 10¢ and 13¢ depending on the method of distribution, all to preserve their percentage mark-up.

Everyone has to be treated fairly, you know!

Labor Council Boycotts Meet For Gov. Dewey

Rochester, N. Y. The Central Trades & Labor Council here instructed its delegates to the forthcoming AFL state convention to boycott the session at which Gov. Thomas E. Dewey will speak.

The group recently went on record opposing all Republican nominees because the anti-labor stand of the Republican-run Rochester machine forced a general strike here last May to protect the rights of city employees.

## Nat. Charter Granted for Farm Worker

Chicago, Illinois.

H. L. Mitchell, president of the National Farm Labor Union, formerly known as the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, announces that the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, meeting in Chicago, voted to grant a charter to the National Farm Labor Union with the right to organize all farm laborers working on farms, ranches, plantations, and other farming units throughout the United States.

A committee composed of President Mitchell; F. R. Betton, vice president; and Barney B. Taylor, organization director, appeared before the A. F. of L. Executive Council meeting at the Drake Hotel in Chicago. In presenting the matter to the A. F. of L. body, the officers of the National Farm Labor Union were assisted by Patrick E. Gorman of Chicago, International Secretary-Treasurer of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen Union; and Leon B. Schachter, President of the Meat and Cannery Workers Union (AFL) of Camden, N. J. STARTS WITH 30,000

Mitchell said that the National Farm Labor Union has a membership of over 30,000, organized in 204 locals in 14 states. He also stated that while the majority of members now reside in the mid-southern states and are employed on cotton farms and plantations as wage hands, sharecroppers, and tenants; plans are under way to organize migrant farm laborers on both the east and west coasts into the union.

Mitchell said that American agriculture is the nation's largest industry, with an average of over 2,000,000 workers employed the year round in production of food and fiber crops.

## Big Drop Set In U.S. Jobs

Sharp reductions in force, necessitated by the employment ceilings in the 1946 pay act, are coming up soon, and a somewhat clearer picture of the situation is possible now than has been the case heretofore.

There are now about 2,300,000 full-time Government employees on the rolls, and this number must be cut to between 1,600,000 and 1,700,000 by June 30 next. Testimony at the pay bill hearings made it clear that the War and Navy Departments would be hardest hit, and already orders have gone out from the War Department to cut 1,500 employees off the rolls at the end of the present month, with 2,000 more slated to go by the first of the year.

The Navy Department has been ordered to absorb the cost of the pay increase from available funds and the departmental staff in Washington will be cut about 20 per cent, it is estimated, by the first of the year. Reductions have been under way for some time in field establishments.

Of old-line agencies, General Accounting Office faces a reduction of about 20 per cent during the remainder of the fiscal year.

Meanwhile a number of war agencies, including OPA, Civilian Production Administration, War Shipping Administration, War Assets Administration and Office of Defense Transportation, are liquidating and this will mean an exodus of employees during the remainder of the fiscal year.

## Labor Must Grow!

Labor, since the end of the war, has sought an adjustment of the national economy that would put it in a less unfavorable position. But business, for reasons of its own that most of us find it hard to fathom, wanted—and got—a higher price level.

Business, in a word, has greater political and economic power than labor; and to keep the scales even, labor must increase its strength.

That applies to all who work with hand or brain. The labor movement has taken the worst of it in the price control battle, but obviously this is no time to quit. It is time, on the contrary, to organize, to close our ranks, to make our union and the labor movement stronger than ever before.—Ex.

## AFL Committee Opens Big Organizing Drive

AFL "Strategy" Committee last week voted to raise a fund of \$250,000 to "organize the unorganized and support any AFL union which becomes the target of a CIO attack." D. Flanagan of the AFL is chairman and John O'Connell is secretary. Affiliated councils are Central Labor, Building Trades, Printing Trades, and Marine Trades Councils.

## Anti Labor Group Using Reilly to Undermine NLRB

By ALDEN TODD

Washington, D. C.

In most states there are certain seasons in which hunters may go out after rabbits, deer and wild fowl—but here in Washington any time is open season for the representatives of big business to go gunning for the National Labor Relation Act (Wagner Act) and its administrative arm, the NLRB.

An anti-labor majority of the 79th Congress came close to crippling the Wagner Act beyond recovery late this spring when it pushed through the Case Bill. President Truman vetoed the measure because he was "convinced" it would not effectively halt what he called "strikes and work stoppages and prevent other practices which adversely affect our economy."

That, in effect, is what the employer groups who hate labor would like to do, too. They see weakening the Wagner Act and the NLRB by legislation as their best method of attack on labor's strength which has been built up during the 11 years of Wagner Act operation. They reason that a weaker labor movement will not be in as good a position to fight the speedup and layoff program already well under way, and the strike, of course, is labor's best and strongest weapon of defense. LATEST STATEMENT

So while anti-labor leaders in Congress are spending their time planning a new attack on labor in the coming session, it is a matter of great interest to them that Gerard D. Reilly, retiring member of the NLRB, stated in a recent interview that he favored changes in NLRB procedure and the Wagner Act which, he said, would make the act more successful in reducing industrial strife and strikes.

The anti-labor crowd are going to listen to Reilly's words. After all, he spent five years on the NLRB and should know his onions, they will argue. You will probably see his name signed to a half dozen articles in slick magazines and big newspapers advocating "improvements" in NLRB procedure and "equalizing" the Wagner Act. FREEDOM FOR BOSSES

Reilly wants to permit management to "speak freely" against unionization during an organizing campaign. Of course, the owner of a plant of 5,000 workers isn't going to spend too much time "speaking freely" himself. What he would do would be to speak through his superintendents and foremen. Anyone who has worked in industry knows that a gentle hint from a super has the weight of a Mack truck with most workers, especially if there is a roomful of unemployed Joes in the personnel office every day filling out applications.

### STATUS OF FOREMEN

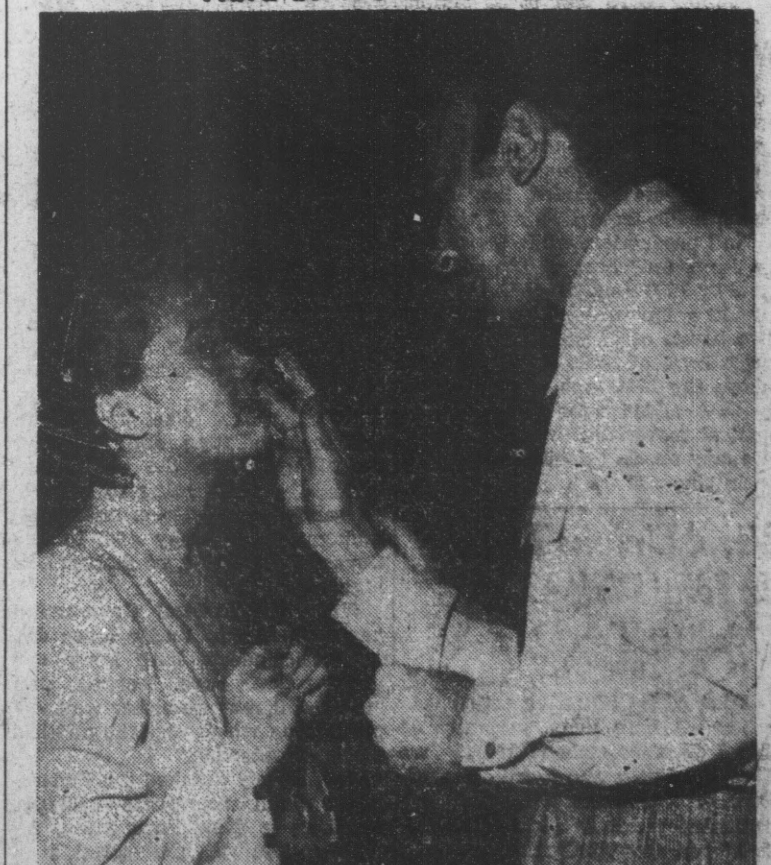
Reilly also wants to "clarify the status of supervisory employees," since, he claims, they should not be allowed Wagner Act protection because the subject was not discussed during debate and passage of the act. Knowing Congress and the handy way they voted in the Case Bill to take away Wagner Act

### Conciliation Service Settles Many Disputes

Washington, D. C.

The U. S. Conciliation Service settled 1408 labor-management disputes in June, adjusting 1095 of them without work stoppage. Idle resulting from employer-employee disputes reached a post-war low in the same month, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

### Hard at Work at 7 A.M.



Youthful, pretty prima donna Jane Powell, member of the Screen Actors Guild (AFL) who makes her singing debut in Holiday in Mexico, discovers it is almost a day's work before she faces the camera. Here on the M-G-M lot bright and early one recent morning, she is dubbed with cold cream by a make-up man and member of the painters union before starting the day's grind.

rights from supervisory employees Reilly really wants to let Congress have another run at the target. He thinks they can't miss.

Even without Wagner Act protection, leaders, foremen and superiors would certainly continue organizing, which is their American right. If management should crack down they would have no right, under Reilly's proposal, to use NLRB machinery and would be forced more often and more quickly to strike action. They definitely would not quit organizing for better conditions just because Congress listened to Reilly.

## Seamen, Kept in Jap Prison, Ask President Lines For Accrued Pay

San Francisco, Calif.

One hundred crew members of the SS Pres. Harrison have begun suit against the American President Lines for \$500,000 in salaries and bonuses which accrued while the men were interned in Japanese prison camps.

The employers are fighting the suit on the ground that the officers and crew, members of various maritime unions, signed on before war broke out and that since they were on land (in prison) from December, 1941, until the end of the war, the company is not liable for war bonuses.

The Pres. Harrison was en route from Manila to Shishwan, China, when the Japanese attacked it. It ran aground at Shishwan and after 42 days the men were taken to a Shanghai concentration camp. In May, 1945, they were transferred to Tientsin. The crew remained there till Japan surrendered but the officers were taken to Hokkaido and put to work in the coal mines.

In all the camps the men were beaten and almost starved. The survivors were finally repatriated on the Gripsholm and at once made their claim against the company, which as promptly refused it.

## Defeat of La Follette Attributed to Wrong Tactics by Senator

Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Defeat of U. S. Senator Robert M. La Follette in the Wisconsin Republican primaries is ascribed in labor circles here to two things. First was the kiss-of-death letter of Sen. Robt. A. Taft of Ohio, leading Republican reactionary, urging Bob's renomination.

Second was La Follette's wrecking of the Progressive Party and his reentry into the Republican Party, instead of into the liberal Democratic Party as desired by labor. "Labor, especially in Kenosha and Racine," says the weekly Kenosha Labor, "is anxious to maintain a liberal party in the state and is therefore active in the job of strengthening and revitalizing the Democratic Party."



# International Bill Of Rights Urged By AFL Council

New York City.

A 12-point international bill of rights was submitted to the United Nations Economic and Social Council for action by the AFL with the added plea that world body make avoidance of an international armament race its paramount task.

"Total preparedness and total war are incompatible with the welfare and liberties of the people of all countries," said a preamble to the statement, which was prepared by AFL Vice Presidents Matthew Woll and David Dubinsky.

"Without an effective system of international security to prevent economic aggrandizement and preclude territorial and military aggression, the possibility for protecting human rights and expanding human welfare on a firm foundation is doomed to failure."

It called on the UN to take the lead in having the major powers "jointly adopt a policy of positive, gradual and systematic reduction of their armaments of all categories, descriptions and services."

**URGE "BASIC RIGHTS"**  
Despite the victory over Nazi-fascist aggression, the people in many parts of the world "are still denied those basic rights which are the essence of freedom and the web and woof of the democratic way of life," it said. "Every victorious nation—no less than the vanquished—must, within its own borders, place in the forefront of its tasks the advancement of democracy and the standards of social well-being."

Basic human rights which the AFL suggested be included in the general peace treaty and be binding on all its signatories include the following:

1. Every human being—irrespective of race, color, creed, sex or national origin—has the right to pursue his or her work and spiritual development in conditions of freedom and dignity.

2. Freedom of expression and association . . . must be inviolate for those who oppose, no less than for those who support, a ruling party or a regime at any specific moment.

## RIGHT TO ORGANIZE

3. The right to organize and work for a constantly more equitable distribution of the national income and wealth and the right to strive for the enhancement of the moral and material well-being of the people—for better health and security against the ravages of unemployment, accidents, sickness and old age—are to be considered inalienable.

4. Raise labor standards throughout the world. There is no more effective way of stimulating the revival of production and the international expansion of markets than by increasing the purchasing power of the great mass of people in every country.

5. Freedom of religion and right to religious worship.

6. The right of asylum is to be guaranteed by all nations.

7. The right to migrate or leave temporarily or permanently a country in which a citizen does not want to remain must be assured, limited only by the laws of emigration of the country which he may wish to visit.

8. There must be freedom of opinion and expression and full access to the opinions of others.

## INFORMATION EXCHANGE

9. . . . The right of free access to, and exchange of information—scientific, economic, social, religious, and political, the promotion of knowledge and of cultural relations, the full and free dissemination of news by radio and press must be assured.

10. Involuntary servitude in any shape, manner or form or under

## WHAT ABOUT THIS SOCIAL SECURITY?

### III. AT AGE 65, ASK ABOUT YOUR RETIREMENT BENEFITS

"How's Dave getting along, Pete? Been to see him lately?"

"Went over last night, Joe. He's feeling better—says he'll be back on the job soon. Dave is not as young as he used to be; must be close to 66. He's been home quite a spell this time. It's left him pretty hard up, what with no pay coming in, and doctor's bills piling up."

"You know, Pete, it's just too bad he never gave a thought to his social security retirement benefits. Dave could have had a retirement benefit check every month while he wasn't working."

"You mean Unemployment Insurance benefits?"

"No, Pete, I do not mean Unemployment Insurance benefits. You may rate Unemployment Insurance benefits when you're out of a job, through no fault of your own, and when you are able and available to take another job. But Dave's been sick. I mean the Federal old-age and survivors insurance benefits. Dave can qualify for those. He's over 65 years old and he has a wage record that would entitle him to monthly benefits."

"But, Joe, he doesn't want to retire from work. He can still earn much more by working, even if he does miss a month or so every once in a while."

"Sure he can—and more power to him—but why not get his retirement checks on the months when he can't work?"

"Can he do that, Joe?"

"Yes. First he files his claim for old age retirement benefits. Soon he starts receiving his monthly checks. Then, on any month when he earns more than \$14.99, he simply tells the Social Security Board office—he can phone or write or visit the office—and they stop his check until he notifies them again he is no longer working. If he is entitled to his retirement benefits and not working, there's no reason why he shouldn't draw his benefits."

"Joe, I never thought about it that way."

"Neither have a lot of other old-timers, but let me tell you, we fellows on the local's Social Security Committee mean to see to it that they do think about it; that's part of the Committee's job. And Pete, there's another angle to this matter of filing a claim for social security benefit payments. Want to hear about it?"

"Sure, shoot."

"You know, don't you, that what you get in old-age and survivors insurance payments—both retirement and family benefits—is based on your wage record?"

"Why, yes, Joe. I know my benefits will be figured on the Social Security Board's record of my average monthly earnings, as shown in my account."

"Well then, if the average of your earnings goes down, the amount of the monthly benefits payable goes down too, doesn't it?"

"Sure it does."

"Then, if you are 65, wouldn't it be wiser to file your claim before your wage record goes down too far? Like in Dave's case, for instance?"

"Wait a minute, Joe. Let me get that straight. Take Dave's case. Now that he can't work every week any more or even every month—his wage record shows he's getting less pay, and that pulls his average down. So his retirement benefits will be getting smaller too the longer he waits before asking for them. Is that right?"

"Yes, that's the idea. That's what is happening in Dave's case. He is well over 65, and his record entitles him to retirement benefits if he asks for them. Right now, Dave is missing out on the monthly retirement benefit payments he could have had for all these months he hasn't been working—this month for one. But that is not all. At the same time, the amount of the benefits he will receive when he does file a claim is being reduced, and the longer he keeps on waiting before he asks for them the lower the benefits will be."

"Isn't the Social Security Committee going to tip Dave off?"

"Yes. We are going to tell Dave to go to the Social Security Board office. The people there will explain the whole thing to him, and then he can make up his mind about filing his claim."

"Say, Joe, there must be others in our local who ought to know about this."

"I'm sure there are, Pete, and our Social Security Committee will pass the word to them. Here's a good rule for all of us to remember:

"When you are 65 years old, go to the Social Security Board office and ask about your retirement benefits. You may not want to retire then. Perhaps you are well employed and want to go right on working. Maybe you are able to earn—even on work that is not steady employment—at least a greater amount than the retirement checks will bring you. Go to the Social Security Board office anyhow. Find out about the retirement benefit situation in your own particular case. You will probably learn facts to your advantage."

(To be continued)  
The need of a good job for every man is no greater than the need of a good man for every job.

## Bradley Defends Action Cutting Trainee Income

Washington, D.C. Veterans Administrator Omar Bradley, in a press conference summing up his first year in office said that "public opinion" was behind the income ceiling of \$200 monthly for married and \$175 for single veterans taking on-the-job training.

"The amounts arrived at were the result of long and careful study," he said, adding that VA officials had "talked with a lot of people about it."

When asked whether labor representatives had been consulted, Bradley said he "didn't know of any who had been."

Reminded the income limit breaks down to \$1.15 hourly for married veterans and \$1 for single, well below the journeyman wage in organized industries, Bradley said he "did not believe that was accurate."

Forty is the old age of youth, and fifty is the youth of old age.

## Foremen Flocking to Union After Supreme Court Issues Ruling

Detroit, Michigan. Inquiries from foremen in many plants in the United States began coming to Foreman's Assn. of America national headquarters after the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the National Labor Relations Board ruling that the Packard Motor Car Co. must bargain collectively with the union. Packard has 90 days to appeal.

V. Pres. Wm. Vallance of the FAA (unaffiliated) reports 6000 of the union's 40,000 members under contract, with Ford corporation-wide, Detroit Edison, Detroit Lubricator, Bopp Steel of Dearborn, Lever Bros. of Hamond (Ind.) and General Ceramics of Keasbey, N.J.

## Grin—And Share It

Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company, manufacturers of Colgate toothpaste among other things, reports net income for the first half of 1946 at \$6,311,156—compared to last year's \$3 million for the same period.

## Chicago Bakers Given \$55 for 42-Hour Week

Chicago, Illinois. Striking bakers have won demands for \$55 pay for a 42-hour week from more than 200 neighborhood bakeries here since they walked out.

Approximately 400 members of Locals 2 and 62, Bakery & Confectionery Workers Intl. Union (AFL) struck against 190 shops that refused to improve the former standards of \$49 for a 48-hour week.

## Electrical Vets

WASHINGTON.—With more than 91 per cent of the apprentices veterans, the Chicago electrical industry has established an all-time record for numbers of apprentices in a building trade included in a single registration with the Federal Committee on Apprenticeship. The registration, reported by the Apprentice-Training Service, U. S. Department of Labor, includes 414 electrician apprentices.

## Label on Envelopes

NEW YORK.—The Post Office Department says there's a law against the union label on the face of business reply envelopes.

A local union became aware of this new anti-labor angle when it was preparing a mailing seeking subscriptions for its new headquarters here. When officials of the union submitted copies of the business reply envelopes to the post office for approval, they were told to remove the union label on the face because it was "extraneous matter," prohibited on the face of envelopes.

The postmen said the union label was all right on the backs of the envelopes and they couldn't help it if that meant higher printing costs because of the double impression.

## Wires Get Cold

FORT DODGE, Iowa.—Local and long distance telephone communications went dead here recently when 90 telephone company workers (independent) struck for adequate wage increases. Operators rejected company's offer of 10-cent hourly increase.

## Eight Southern States Provide Negro Housing

Washington, D.C. Eight southern states are planning to make \$21.6% of new housing units started under the veterans emergency housing program available to Negro families, according to a Natl. Housing Agency survey, Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt said.

Memphis, Tenn., leads the nation with 3500 of 8500 units planned for Negro housing, with Meridian and Jackson, Miss., in second and third places.

The states covered in the survey are Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, North and South Carolina and Virginia.

## Has to Pony Up

NEW YORK.—Although the amount of back wages illegally withheld from 13 of his employees totalled less than \$700, Sol Schnable, doing business as the J. M. Novelty Co., was fined \$2,000 in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

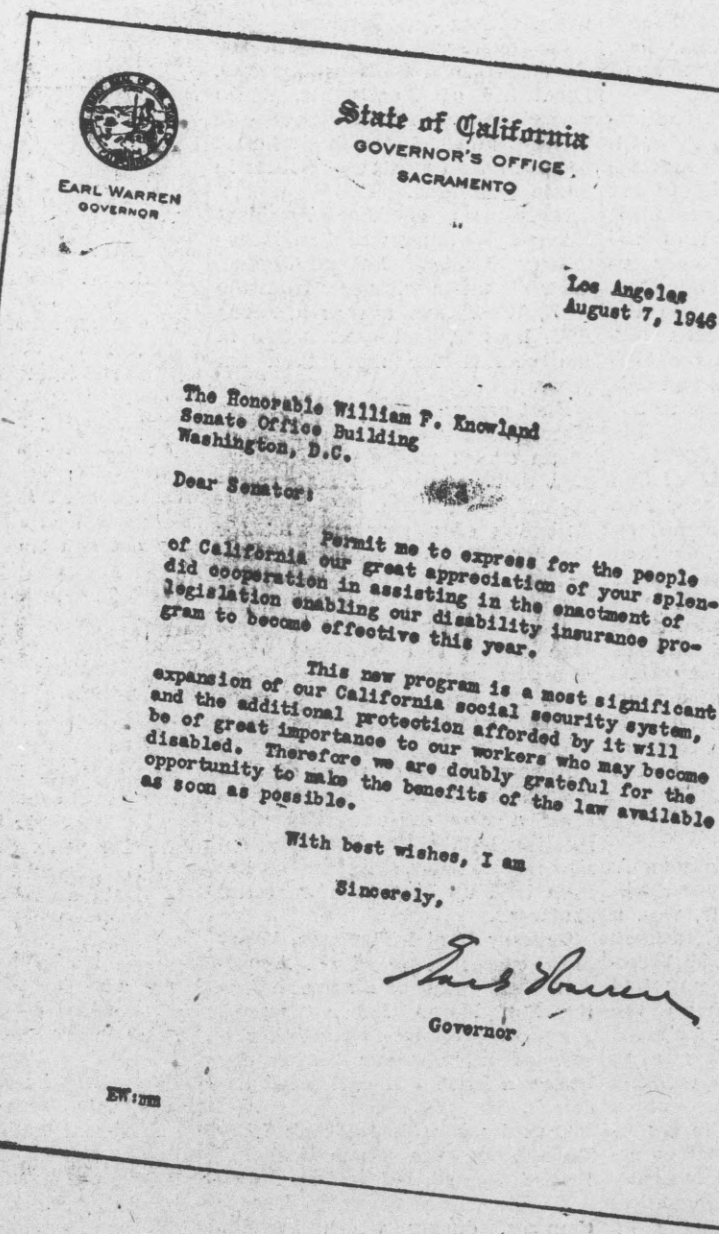
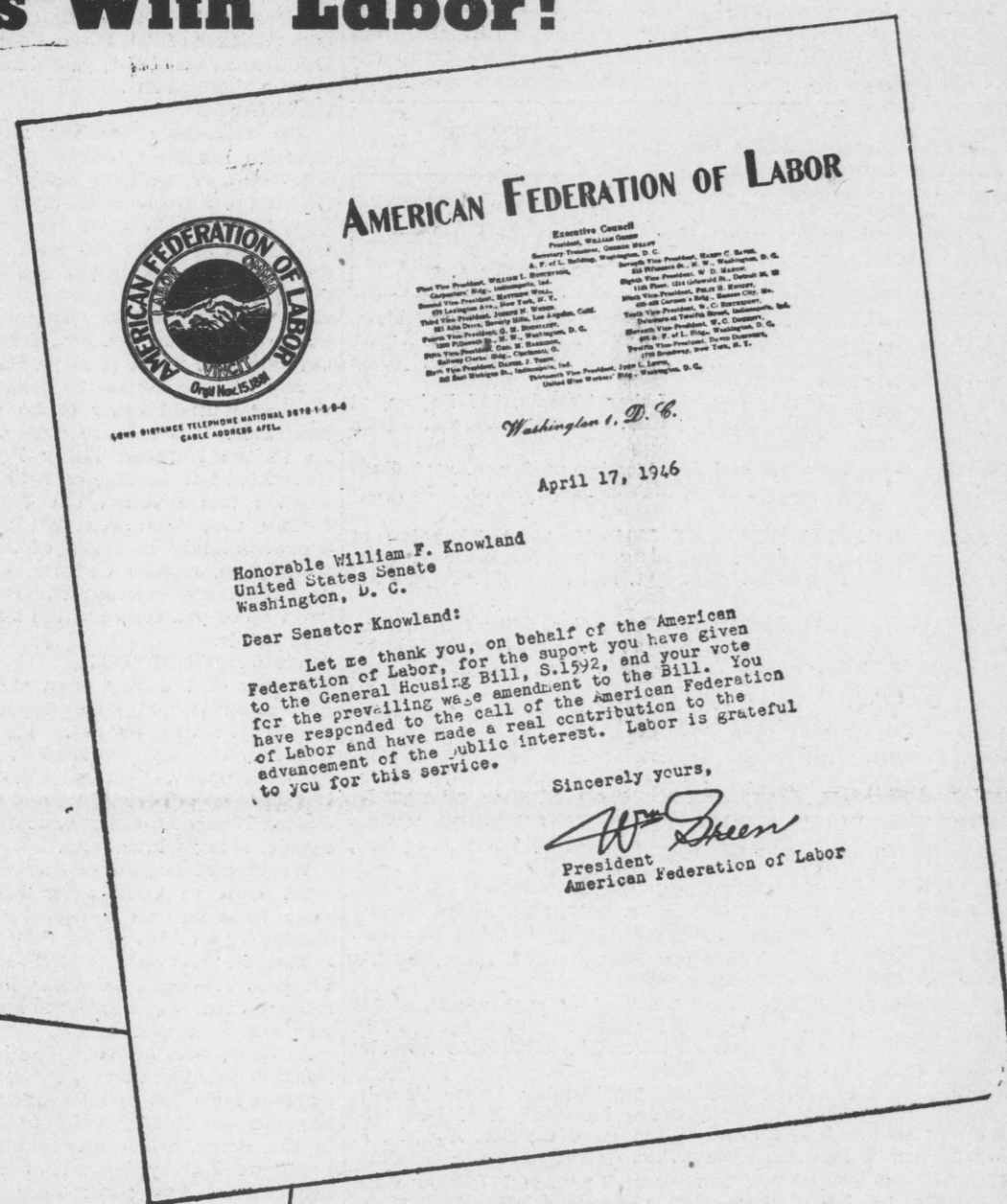
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## Where U. S. SENATOR "Bill" Knowland Stands With Labor!

Mr. Green, president of the A. F. of L. refers to Senator Knowland's YES vote on an amendment to the General Housing Bill requiring that prevailing wage rates be paid on all housing financed by the Federal Housing Administration. The amendment passed 51 to 20.



Gov. Warren refers to an amendment to the Social Security Bill which permitted California to put her new State sickness and disability benefit program for 3,000,000 workers into effect on or before December 1, 1946 instead of waiting more than 7 months. The amendment passed.

## MR. BIGGOTT



"In case I should need a transfusion, doctor, I want to make certain I don't get anything but blue, sixth-generation American blood!"



## Carry Big Stick, Says Gen. Arnold

We must stop giving away secrets, like a simple child, General H. H. Arnold, former Air Force chief, told California Legionnaires convened in Frisco last week. He divided people into two classes:

"One school wants to give, give, give—anything, everything—to anybody and everybody. They don't want to keep any military secrets; they just want to keep friends. They forget that nations can violate treaties and agreements at will. They do not remember the broken pacts.

"The other school wants us to look out for ourselves. They want us to be always a couple of jumps ahead in scientific development and other things. They want us to hold the balance of power and thereby assure the peace. They always want to keep something the other fellow doesn't know.

"We've got to quit kidding ourselves that other nations have the high ideals that we have. . . . The next war will be one of annihilation. . . . We must have a big stick behind us, so war cannot come again."

## HIT FRANCO

WASHINGTON.—A break in America's diplomatic relations with Franco Spain, Hitler's disguised wartime ally, was the theme of a noontime labor picketline at the Spanish embassy last week. The picketline included Washington representatives of a dozen unions among its 150 participants.

## SALINAS UNION DIRECTORY

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Secretary and Legislative Representative, 402 Flood Bldg., 870 Market St., San Francisco 2. DISTRICT VICE-PRESIDENT—Anthony Agrillo, 16 N. 1st, San Jose. Phone Columbia 3619 or Ballard 2772.

BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Teamsters' Office, John and Main, at 5 p.m. Pres. Louie Grasso, 251 Clay St., phone 8819. Bus. Agent, Cecil L. Bradford. Office at 72 N. Second St., San Jose, phone Ballard 6341.

BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Monday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro, at 8 p.m. Pres., John Durnell, 533 E. Alisal. Secretary, Leon J. Smith, 207 Main St., phone 4302.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 2 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Secy., Bertha Boles. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4717.

BOXMAKERS AND SHED WORKERS 3034—Meet 1st Thursday at Labor Temple at 8 p.m. Pres., Jack Long, 720 E. Market. Secretary, Lynn Hutson, 117 Pajaro St. Bus. Agt. and office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4717.

BUTCHERS 506 (SALINAS BRANCH)—Pres., Geo. Gilbert. Fin. Sec., E. L. Courtright, 329 Quilla St., Salinas, phone Salinas 6238. Exec. Sec., Earl Moorhead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone Columbia 2132.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7:30, Carpenters Hall, North Main Street, Pres., Ray Luna; Vice-Pres., I. R. Miller. Business Agent, George Hunter, 422 North Main Street, phone 5721. Financial Secy., L. H. Taft, 243 Clay Street, phone 4246. Treas., O. L. Little. Recording Secy., A. O. Miller, 422 N. Main, phone 5721.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Carpenters Hall, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Ray Luna, 1214 2nd Ave.; Sec., Mrs. Carolyn Darling, Rt. 2, Box 582, Watsonville.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (MONTEREY COUNTY)—Meets every Friday evening at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. President, Albert Everly, Res. 36 Spring St. Sec.-Treas., Peter A. Andrade. Office ph. 4893.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meetings subject to call. Secy., Bertha Boles. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wed. of each month at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., L. E. Towle, 118 Harvest St.; Rec. Secy., J. H. Fuson, 34 Felice St.; Fin. Secy., E. R. Silk, 129 Rodeo Avenue; Bus. Mgr., W. E. Lee, 1251 E. Alisal.

ENGINEERS (OPERATING) 165—Meets 1st Monday, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., 8:30 p.m. Pres., Bruce Murdoch, P.O. Box 663; Sec., Harry Vosburgh, 404 Calif. St., phone 4972; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, P.O. Box 973, Watsonville.

LABORERS 272—Meets second Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Fenchel, Pres., 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810. J. F. Mattos, Sec., 104 Lang St., Salinas. Bus. Agt. J. B. McGinley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

LABORERS & HOD CARRIERS HALL ASSOCIATION—Meets 2nd & 4th Mon., 117 Pajaro, Pres., R. Fenchel, Res. 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810. Sec.-Treas., John Mattos, phone 6777.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays at 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Benson, Hilby St., Monterey. Phone Monterey 4820; Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas, phone 9223.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple at 5:30 p.m. Pres., Mildred Clayton, 18 McFadden Rd. Secretary, Leta Williams, 19 Capitol, phone 3796. Bus. Agt. and office, J. W. Deer, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 4717.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tues., 117 Pajaro St., at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Earl Ross, Res. 129 Dennis St. Fin.-Sec.-Business Rep., Donald McBeth, Res. 589 El Camino Real, North, P.O. Box 114, East Salinas Branch, Res. 9770, office phone 8783. Rec. Sec., Dennis Hartman, Res. 614 Mae Ave.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodeo Cafe; Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, phone 1423; Pres., Don Frick.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS UNION Local 503—Meets Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, Pres., Al Everly; Recording Secretary, William Farr; Financial Secretary, C. Russell Walker, 312-B Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 9259. Office at 215 E. Alisal St., Phone 3463. Ex. Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Wednesday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 p.m. President, L. E. Pierce, 43 Romer Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. C. Schireck, 636 El Camino Real, No., phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328—Meets 4th Friday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., Edward C. Bey, P.O. Box 541, Salinas; Sec., John H. LaFreniere, Rt. 3, Box 371, Watsonville.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets on call of President Leon Edner. Fin. Sec., R. L. Mathiesen, Res. 158 Central Ave. Phone: Office, 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., James M. Ray, 525 San Benito, Salinas, phone 9034; Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, phone 9668.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 41 1/2 Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Rec. Sec., Haskell Warren, P.O. Box 513, Carmel. Fin. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777.

STATE COUNTRY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call at Labor Temple, Pres., R. H. Clinch, 348 1/2 West Street, Vice-Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West Street. Secy.-Treas., W. Y. Karich, 20 Natividad Road, Salinas.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—Meet 2nd and 4th Mondays, Spreckels Fire Hall, at 8 p.m. President, J. Collins; Secretary-Treasurer, R. MacRossi; Recording Secretary, L. Ferreira.

TEAMSTERS 367—Meet 2nd Wednesday at Carpenters Hall, North Main St. Pres., Thos. Brett, Bus. Rep., Frank Stevens. Sec.-Treas., George Jenott, 941 The Alameda, San Jose. Office phone Salinas 7531.

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WAREHOUSEMEN 890—Meets first Tuesday night at Teamsters' Hall, John and Main Streets. Office at same address, phone 4893. President, Albert Harris. Rec. Secretary and Business Representative, W. G. Kenyon. Financial Secretary and Business Representative, Peter A. Andrade.

## Plumber Job Exams To Be Held By Navy

Applications are being accepted until September 11, 1946, by the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Twelfth Naval District, Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, for civil service examinations to fill positions of Plumber—\$1.33, \$1.39, \$1.45 per hour; and Pipefitter—\$1.33, \$1.39, \$1.45 per hour.

These examinations are open to the general public and all persons who qualify may apply. Preference in appointment will be given to honorably discharged veterans. Appointments will be made on a probational-permanent basis to fill vacancies in Naval and Marine Corps agencies in the San Francisco Bay area.

Complete information and application forms may be obtained from the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Twelfth Naval District, Twelfth Civil Service Regional Office, 630 Sansome St., San Francisco, or any first or second-class post office in the San Francisco Bay area.

## Report Average Hourly Pay in Michigan \$1.31

Lansing, Michigan. Average hourly pay, including overtime, in Michigan manufacturing industries in June was \$1.31, reports the State Department of Labor and Industry.

Hereofers pastured 25 miles from the New Mexico atom bomb experiment turned grey overnight.

## Achievements of Year Are Told in Vice-President's Annual Convention Report

By THOMAS A. SMALL

(Editor's Note: Following is the report to the 44th annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor, held recently in San Francisco, by Thomas A. Small, past Vice-President of District No. 8, which includes San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey counties.)

Despite strikes and deaths, organized labor in the Eighth District made distinct gains during the past few months, gains which have added appreciably in prestige as well as in the customary labor benefits of conditions and wages.

For example, Edward J. Carrigan, business representative of San Mateo County Building Service Employees Local 81 and former vice-president of San Mateo County Central Labor Council, was named postmaster of the City of San Mateo on a tentative basis, pending permanent appointment, and he leads for the permanent post over two other candidates.

U. S. Simonds Jr., business manager of Carpenters Local 162 of San Mateo, was elected city councilman in the City of Burlingame.

### DEATHS

Two prominent leaders of labor in this area passed on during the past few months. Lester E. Nagle, assistant business representative of Butchers Local 506, which serves Santa Clara, San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey counties, died suddenly, and Jack P. Crown, business manager of San Mateo County Electricians Local B-6, passed away after a short illness.

### CANNERIES

The state-wide cannery strike situation has been focused in the San Jose area, with the Sunnyvale CIO cannery workers, led by Fred Less, former AFL union representative, and by Steve Murdoch, former CIO newspaperman, getting newspaper headlines almost daily with quickie strikes, charges of unfair labor practices, etc., despite the fact that the area is predominantly AFL as far as the cannery workers and all other crafts are concerned. This case, of course, is up to the National Labor Relations Board to handle, or hold an election this summer, but I feel certain that this area will vote overwhelmingly in favor of AFL jurisdiction, despite constant CIO demonstrations—demonstrations all ways by only a few, and the same few, people.

### MACHINISTS STRIKE

Effects of the Bay Area strike of Machinists Lodge 68 will long be felt in this district. Plants closed by the tieup included Fuller Paint Company, Portland Cement Company at Redwood City, and the Joshua Hendy Iron Works at Sunnyvale, along with others.

Workers at the Fuller Company went back to work after being away from jobs for a few weeks, abiding by an AFL ruling that the strike was unofficial, while Cement Workers remained off their jobs, rather than cross picket lines, whether sanctioned or not.

At Sunnyvale, however, the jurisdiction over this vast plant, which employs from 500 to 1000 machinists, was forfeited by Lodge 68 due to the strike, when International President Harvey Brown of the IAM turned this plant over to Local 504 of Machinists at San Jose. Although the IAM is not in the AFL at present, Local 504 formerly was active in both the AFL and the State Federation, and it is hoped that they can return to our fold soon.

### RETAIL CLERKS—SAN JOSE

Retail Clerks Local 442 of San Jose came forth with a new idea in contracts when they signed an agreement with L. Hart & Sons Co., a San Jose department store, under which a raise in wages was granted and then supplemented with a plan whereby union clerks will split 10 per cent of net profits of the firm at the end of a year. So far as I can determine, this is the first profit-sharing contract ever to be put into effect in the district.

### WAREHOUSEMEN—WATSONVILLE

At Watsonville, Warehousemen's Local 890 of Salinas, under direction of Peter A. Andrade, won a great victory through the National Labor Relations Board. The Western Frozen Foods Company had renounced a contract with the union and had brought in a Fresno union of chemical workers in an effort to change the bargaining agency, which had been granted the AFL warehousemen in a previous election. NLRB hearings resulted in an order to the company to post a notice recognizing Local 890 and to "cease and desist" from trying to promote the chemical worker organization. The company had sought a NLRB election on the question of Local 890 or no union, but the NLRB vetoed this request.

### NEW LOCALS

Recent months have seen the organization of Laundry Workers and Retail Clerks into two new unions in the Salinas area, unions which will expand into Monterey, Watsonville and Santa Cruz as rapidly as possible.

### OTHER EVENTS

Other noteworthy highlights of past months include: Retirement of M. L. ("Mike") Blanchfield, business agent of Santa Clara County District Council of Carpenters for many years, to enter private business. Blanchfield later became associated with the Earl Warren for Governor Committee in San Jose as chairman.

## 890 LEADERS



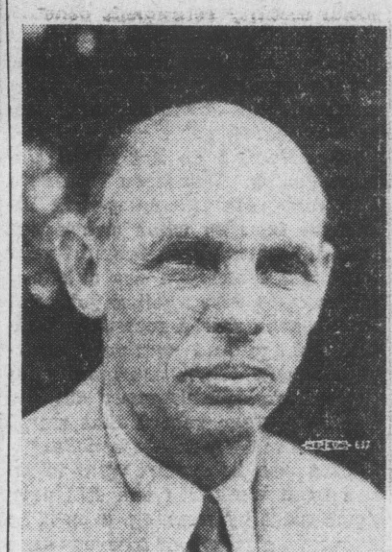
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## A Council With Annual Vacations

Meet the only labor council we know that takes an annual summer vacation of three months as a tribute to the efficiency of its secretary—the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council, at Monterey.

Each summer Wayne Edwards, council secretary-treasurer, travels during his vacation from school teaching (he also is secretary of the



WAYNE EDWARDS

Teachers' Union) and the council adjourns until his return, rather than seat another secretary during his absence.

During the interim, important matters of the council may be transacted by other officers, who include President E. D. McCutcheon, of the Hotel & Restaurant

Peter A. Andrade (top) secretary of Fruit and Produce Drivers and Warehousemen 890 of Salinas, has been prominent in Salinas labor circles since he came here a few years ago. Formerly of San Francisco, Andrade learned unionism thoroughly and his knowledge of organizational procedure has been of great value to the many unions he has assisted with advice and action since he came to Salinas. He was secretary of the Central Labor Council at Salinas for a time.

William G. (Bud) Kenyon, (lower), is now a business representative with Local 890. He formerly was secretary of the Barbers Union 827 and for about six years served as secretary-treasurer of the Salinas Labor Council. Kenyon has won hosts of friends for his civic efforts as well as labor leadership and is frequently called upon to assist other crafts even now.

Organizational campaigns by Bartenders and Culinary Alliance, Local 345 of Watsonville, which was given Santa Cruz county-wide jurisdiction and immediately signed up more than a score of houses in Santa Cruz area.

Retirement of Vice President Howard Watkinson of San Mateo County Central Labor Council, after his union withdrew from the AFL, Watkinson, always a strong AFL booster, had been active in the council for more than ten years.

First organizational steps by San Mateo County employees, most of whom signed pledge cards for an AFL union at the first mass meeting called for them.

Signing of a new contract for the big Benjamin Franklin Hotel in San Mateo, giving Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Local 340 jurisdiction over all hotel employees save clerks, and providing wage increases retroactive for thirty days. The hotel has changed management and is definitely pro-union now.

Announcement of plans of Carpenters Local 162 of San Mateo to erect a new office building and meeting hall, giving San Mateo a new hall of labor. Construction has been held up because of material shortages.

Talk by Daniel Flanagan, Western Representative of the American Federation of Labor, before the San Mateo Labor Council. Flanagan gave an interesting resume of labor events of the day before a large and enthralled audience.

Talk by President Frank Macdonald, of the State Building Trades Council, before San Mateo and San Jose Building Trades Councils, during which he discussed legislative matters and labor problems.

TRAINING PROGRAMS

Nearly all unions have started apprenticeship programs for their members in craft lines, with night school and job training primarily for returned war veterans. These training programs are among the greatest civic responsibilities ever accepted by labor leaders and are a wonderful service for the veterans.

FARMER-LABOR-CONSUMER ASSOCIATION

The Farmer-Labor-Consumer Association is sponsored financially and morally by the State Federation of Labor, and I am proud to have been the vice-president of the organization for two years. Co-operation between farmers and organized labor has been greatly promoted through this association. In the "1946 action program" of

the Association are two planks. One plank calls for "annual earnings for workers in line with expanding productive activity," along with recognition of labor's right to organize and protect and improve wage and living standards. The second labor plank calls for full employment.

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## Monterey County Central Labor Union Faces Future With Renewed Confidence

Storm center of a good labor movement in a stormy area has been the Monterey County Central Labor Union, which serves the Salinas area and northern portion of the county.

Chartered on July 2, 1927, this council has undergone almost every possible attack by employer groups and has grown strong in its fighting.

Hardest period of the council's 19 years was during the lettuce worker and driver strike some 10 years ago when united action was needed by all working people to combat the vicious attacks of the Associated Farmers of California, which originated in the Salinas area and which failed to break unionism in this stronghold.

Today the council looks backward with a shudder and looks ahead to a more rosy future, due to the now close cooperation between labor leaders and Salinas industrialists and growers and shippers.

Today the lettuce shed workers and drivers are generally organized into strong unions and are getting good rates of pay.

Today nearly every craft which can be organized in Salinas has its own union and good leaders are striving constantly to better conditions.

Today Salinas can proudly state that wages and working conditions are on a par with any other like community in the state and nation.

The labor council started off with only seven unions: Painters 1104, Laborers 272, Hotel and Restaurant Employees 467, Carpenters 925, Musicians 616, Letter Carriers 1046, and Typographical Workers 543.

Present officers of the Council are comparative newcomers. John Deer, who serves both Laundry Workers 258 and Box Makers 3034 as business representative of the council, is council president, and E. L. Courtright, newly named as Monterey County representative of Butchers Union 506, is new council secretary-treasurer.

## THE CHISELERS

NEW YORK—Nearly 50 per cent of New York and New Jersey firms inspected during July were found to be in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act and the Public Contracts Act and were ordered to pay wages which had been illegally withheld. Arthur D. White, Regional Director of the Wage-Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, announced that back wages amounting to \$134,248 were found due to 2985 employees.

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## Monterey Building Trades Council Wins Respect of All Community Elements

One of the oldest and most respected organizations in Monterey County is the Monterey County Building & Construction Trades Council which was chartered on January 2, 1909 to represent building trades only and which was issued a re-issue charter on August 19, 1945, as a combined building and construction trades body.

Charter members of the council were Manuel Reaf, A. K. Hennecker, Karl Plapp, A. W. Bartep, Nathan Leiser, A. D. Givich, Lloyd T. Long, Victor N. Robinson and Charles M. Smith.

Of these, many are still active in their unions and well known here. Bro. Long still is active in the

other construction of military encampments in Southern Monterey County.

Through the years the Building Trades Council has served all the county, part of the time through a branch council at Salinas and part of the time with all business handled out of Monterey.

Insistence of building trades unions in the Salinas area two years ago for a branch office of the council resulted in creation of an office in the Salinas Labor Temple with J. B. McGinley as Salinas representative for the council and with several Salinas unions in the building crafts re-affiliating with the council.

Former Business Agent Ward of the Council retired to enter the insurance business two years ago. Recently he suffered a heart attack and has been confined to his home, although he still serves as financial secretary for the carpenters.

He was succeeded in the council office by Lloyd T. Long, secretary, who retired a few weeks ago as business representative but held his trio of other council offices. Long is from Plumbers 62.

Bro. Diaz has retired as representative of the plumbers and also as an active officer of the council and is connected with the Monterey County Plumbing Co. at present, although still financial secretary of Plumbers 62.

Now president of the council is W. I. Dickerson of Carpenters 1323. Vice president is John Alsop, of Sheet Metal Workers 304. Recording-corresponding-financial secretary and treasurer is Lloyd T. Long, of Plumbers 62.

### Attorneys Ask Dismissal of Petrillo Case

Chicago, Illinois.

Hitting the Lea Act as "a direct assault on free trade unionism," counsel for the American Federation of Musicians (AFM) filed a brief in Federal District Court asking dismissal of a criminal information brought against Pres. James C. Petrillo by the government.

The brief, submitted by Joseph A. Padway and David Katz, said the Lea Act abridged freedom of speech, imposed involuntary servitude on workers and did not regulate interstate or foreign commerce, but instead violated state rights.

The government's suit against Petrillo came after the union leader called a strike against radio station WAAF when the station refused to hire three additional musicians. Petrillo was seeking a legal test of the act, which makes it a criminal offense for anyone to attempt to make a broadcaster hire more personnel than he deems necessary.

Sponsors of the Lea Act, the union brief charges, purposely framed it to discriminate against the employees of broadcasting stations and to protect the profits of their owners.

Wisconsin Republicans appear to have cleared up Senator La Follette's confusion as to his party affiliations.—LABOR LEADER.



LOYD T. LONG

council and has just been re-elected financial and recording secretary and treasurer, a post he has held for more than a decade.

The Building Trades Council, which has county-wide jurisdiction, won nation-wide acclaim six years ago when the war caused building of two great army personnel bases—Fort Ord and Camp Roberts.

Construction of Fort Ord at a cost of millions of dollars (the first three portions of Fort Ord alone totaled in excess of \$10,000,000) was completed far in advance of schedule, due to the caliber of workmen supplied to the job and the co-operation of the building crafts and the building trades council.

Among the council leaders during this period were Dale Ward, then council business manager, who also is financial secretary of Carpenters 1323, and Henry Diaz, then council president and business manager of Plumbers 62.

Ward and Diaz, as a team along with Charles Smith of Teamsters 287, M. J. Murphy of Engineers 3, and the business agents of all other crafts, virtually "dug up" the necessary men to man the various jobs which constructed the great and modern Fort Ord in what in 1939 was cattle grazing land in summer and a muddy morass in winter.

Construction of Camp Roberts, as large or larger than Fort Ord but not so permanent (Fort Ord has been re-commissioned while Camp Roberts is expected to be abandoned by the government), also was a major project with the building trades council, along with

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PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS No. 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at 411½ Alvarado Street at 8 p.m. President, Howard Tretzel, Serra Hotel, Monterey; Secretary, H. Diaz, 1271 3rd Street, Monterey, phone 7986.

POST OFFICE CLERKS, Monterey Branch No. 1292 of National Federation of Post Office Clerks (AFL)—Meets first Wednesday of month, Room 6, P.O. Bldg., 7:45 p.m. Pres., Glen Leidig, Box 355, Carmel, phone 1186-R; Secy., E. L. Edwards, Box 2039, Carmel; Bus. Agt., Arthur Hamill, Box 6, Monterey, phone 7661.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., James M. Ray, 525 San Benito, Salinas, phone 9034; Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, phone 9668.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411½ Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Rec. Secy., Haskell Warren, P.O. Box 513, Carmel. Fin. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777.

TEACHERS (MONTEREY COUNTY FEDERATED) 457—Meet in Monterey second Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. Fin. Sec., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Monterey, Phone 7622.

TEAMSTERS (GENERAL AND AUTO DRIVERS) 287—Meets second Wednesday at Teamsters' Hall, Main and John Sts., Salinas, at 8 p.m. President, Thos. M. Brett, 941 The Alameda, San Jose, phone Ballard 6315. Secretary and Business Agent, George W. Jenott, address same. Monterey County Representative, Frank Stevens. Office at Main and John Sts., Salinas, phone 7590.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets first Tuesday every month at 9:30 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 346 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, phone 167.

WAREHOUSE EMPLOYEES UNION, LOCAL 890—Meets first Tuesday night, Teamsters Hall; office at Teamsters Hall, John and Main St. Phone 4893; Pres., Albert A. Harris; Rec. Sec., Wm. G. Kenyon; Sec.-Treas. and Bus. Rep., Peter A. Adrade.

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## CARPENTER ROUNDUP

Two representatives of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas will travel to Fresno this week-end to attend the California Mill Committee meeting there.

The delegates are George Harter, business agent of Local 925, and D. Holderfield, of the Mill Workers division of Local 925.

State officials still are looking for a union carpenter to serve as foreman on the convict labor job at the new prison farm at Soledad, Business Agent Harter of Local 925 reports.

The state, which has received protests against use of convict labor to erect the prison, is still planning to go ahead with project. The State Council of Carpenters is attempting to bring about a change of plans.

Efforts of the state to get a union carpenter to "boss" the convict labor have proven fruitless thus far.

In lieu of a Building Trades Council chartered at Salinas, Carpenters Local 925 is joining with other building crafts of the Salinas area in periodic, informal meetings on building trades matters, Brother Harter reports.

Local 925 is contacting various local lumber companies to make sure that carpenters are being used to operate planers and rip saws. It is reported that sometimes laborers or other workers had been used on these machines, which are under jurisdiction of the Carpenters. Business Agent Harter of Local 925 is checking to make sure the proper workers are used and are paid the proper scale.

Tuberculosis occurs more frequently among men than women.

### More Nurses Needed

Washington, D.C.—The American Council on Education and the National Nursing Council urge colleges that are forced to refuse admission to women students to make known the opportunities offered in the nursing profession. There is an acute shortage of graduate nurses all over the country and hospitals are closing wards on account of the shortage. The goal of the National Nursing Council is 40,000 student enrollments in 1946-47 and women veterans may enroll in these courses under the GI Bill of Rights.



ANTHONY AGRILLO

## TONY AGRILLO IS NEW DISTRICT VICE PRES. FOR STATE FEDERATION

At the recent convention of the California State Federation of Labor in San Francisco, Anthony Agrillo of San Jose was elected Vice President for District Eight, which comprises Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara and San Mateo counties.

Bro. Agrillo, as State Federation vice-president, becomes a member of the Federation Executive Council which transacts important business for the Federation between the annual conventions.

He succeeds Thomas A. Small, vice-president for several years, who did not seek re-election. Bro. Agrillo was unopposed for election and was endorsed by the Federation and other important groups.

Bro. Agrillo is secretary-treasurer and business representative of Barbers Union 252 of San Jose, a post he has held since 1938. He also is secretary-treasurer of the California State Association of Barbers and Beauticians, re-elected this summer to start his third term.

A native of Boston, Mass., Bro. Agrillo came to California in 1925, moving to San Francisco and joining the Barbers Union there. Two years later he moved to San Jose and joined Local 252.

Active in the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council, Bro. Agrillo has been a member of the council executive board for several years, serving as council delegate from his union for more than a decade.

In state affairs, Bro. Agrillo has played a prominent part in forwarding legislation which is of benefit to barbers and beauty operators.

As a member of the Elks Club,

and the Eagles Lodge in San Jose, Bro. Agrillo has played a prominent part in San Jose civic affairs. He has been a farmer, having owned a ranch in the San Jose area, and has indulged in softball for recreation at times.

He is married and he and his wife, Ann, have a son, Albert Anthony, in the armed services at the present time.

Keenly interested in AFL labor affairs in the district he now represents, Bro. Agrillo has attended many meetings of various unions and councils throughout the area, pledging to do everything in his power to forward AFL organizational efforts.

### 69 Million Auto Tires New Goal of CPA

Washington, D.C.—The Civilian Production Administration has announced that production of tires for passenger cars and motorcycles will be stepped up during the last half of this year.

Director W. J. Sears of the CPA rubber division announced that a goal of 69,150,000 tires can be attained, even though only 30,842,101 were produced in the first six months. In order to reach this goal, the CPA will use its distribution of natural and synthetic rubber and other materials to increase production of passenger cars and motorcycles.

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The management of Spiegl Foods Company have indicated to your representatives that there is a possibility of steady employment for all of our members employed at this plant because of the flexible nature of the operation where people can be moved from one department to another; they also informed us that a bus has been procured to take home the swing shift workers. It is very necessary that Shop Stewards be appointed or elected on the swing shift. We regret to state that Ruby Latham recently left for the State of Texas—she was doing a fine job as a Steward on that shift—and will have to be replaced.

We have been harping a long time in this column about conditions at the Spiegl Foods Co. We are indeed glad to say that the conversion that is taking place is certainly improving working conditions such as drainage, lighting and air conditioning.

### NOTICE!

Anyone becoming unemployed please register at the office of the union, particularly women, as we have many jobs for women.

It is nice to see Margaret Grasso back on the job after a three weeks' vacation. Brothers McNerlin and Shaw, watchmen at the plant during dehydration season, are back on their old jobs again. It certainly reminds a person of the hectic days when people were working seven days a week and twenty-four hours a day on two shifts during the war.

### PRODUCE DRIVERS

Brother Albert A. Harris went to Los Angeles last week-end in order to help prepare a new agreement which will cover not only this district but the Arizona and Southern California area. It should have a tremendous effect in strengthening our position. All agreements expire December 1. We ask all of our members employed in this industry to keep a close watch in this column for frequent special meetings beginning next month.

See that your present agreement is being lived up to. Seniority lists should be posted in all barns. If your name is not listed in the proper order, notify your truck boss immediately.

### RAITER CANNING COMPANY

When you read this article elections will be taking place, such as those taking place throughout Northern California. You have been put to the test before when attacked and raided by the CIO. At this writing, days before the election, your representatives are certainly confident that the CIO's defeat in this coming election will be much greater than the defeat suffered last year.

On Wednesday, August 21, Sisters Ida Flournoy and Tasha Perez and Brother Alfred Breaum accompanied their representative, Bud Kenyon, to Oakland, California, to attend a special called meeting affecting all cannery workers. This writer was indeed impressed at the manner in which this committee reacted as a result of that meeting. We wish to inform all of our members at that cannery that weekly meetings will be held by your present committee. This committee is comprised of: Alfred Breaum, warehouse; Brother Davis, cook room; Sister Ida Flournoy, canning, and Tasha Perez, at the front end. They will take up grievances as they occur, and net results will certainly improve the present conditions at that plant.

When you receive this paper, some \$2,000 in back pay will have been paid to a number of workers who were employed during the spinach season at the Frank Raiter Canning Co. This amount should equal 10% above the piece work rates of last year. If you have any difficulty in prorating the amount, check with your union.

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